



Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Herb Grant, Chair
Mark Flaten, Vice-Chair
Sara Wright, Secretary
Manijeh Daneshpour
Denny Morrow
John Seymour

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kay Ek

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director

GUESTS:

Mary Hayes, Ph.D.
Bruce Minor, Argosy University
Steve Peltier, St. Mary's University
Students

I. ORAL EXAMINATION

Oral examinations were administered on January 20th and 21st, 2011. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to: Jennifer M. Willbanks, Angela M. Bellefeuille, Angela N. Gauthier, Kathryn MW Barrett, Kathleen Walsh Soucheray, Angela M. Eischens, Jessica V. Lynch, Valerie Sayre, Lora L. Kelley, Pamela J. Quinn, Meghan M. Swenson, Laura R. Barbeau, Angela K. Saeger, William S. Shaw, Erin C. Peterson, Anna C. Rauscher, Virginia L. Olson, Jessica L. VerBout, Annette L. Heiderscheit

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Herb Grant called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in the University Room of the University Park Plaza Building.

III. CONSIDER AGENDA

The agenda was approved with one modification to item IV where the date of the minutes to be approved was incorrectly listed as November 19, 2010. The date was changed to December 17, 2010.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2010, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the December 17, 2010, Board meeting were approved as amended, passed on a motion by John Seymour and seconded by Manijeh Daneshpour.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jennifer Mohlenhoff and members reviewed the Board's current expense and revenue reports, including a detailed report of payments made to vendors.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff reported that additional funds should be encumbered for salary expenses, equipment, per diem costs, and training expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 2011.

John Seymour made a motion to authorize the Board's Executive Director, Jennifer Mohlenhoff, to encumber up to \$40,000.00 for salary expenses, equipment, per diem costs, and training expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 2011. Mark Flaten seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Seymour made a motion that the Board authorize a \$2,000.00 transfer of funds to the Administrative Support Unit to assist in paying the Board's portion of ASU's technology expenses for fiscal year 2011. Mark Flaten seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff asked for Board insight concerning inquiries she receives from licensees seeking assistance as to the closing of a practice and retirement. Members offered to email helpful references to Jennifer.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff stated that there are a few limited cases where post-degree MFT graduates have received supervision from an AAMFT-approved supervisor, rather than an LMFT Board-approved supervisor. Members held discussion, and confirmed that MN Rules specifically state that post-graduate work must be supervised by a MN LMFT Board-approved supervisor, and that a variance should be recommended to individuals working under a non MN LMFT Board-approved supervisor.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff stated that there are cases relating to graduate degrees that lack sufficient practicum hours. Discussion confirmed that, in cases where only practicum hours need to be obtained, readmittance to a graduate program is usually not an option. In such cases, a position may be obtained by the candidate that satisfies the remaining practicum requirements, and these client contact hours may be counted toward completion of the required practicum. All rules governing the practicum apply and these hours may not also be counted towards a candidate's post-graduate supervised experience requirement.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff stated that she has received inquiries from individuals where a significant amount of time has passed since earning a qualifying degree. Members held discussion and agree that the burden is on the applicant to show that coursework meets the current requirements for licensure and that the applicant can demonstrate knowledge and execution of MFT best practices. Recent passage of the national exam and current post-graduate supervised experienced may be used to demonstrate knowledge of current MFT best practices.

Jennifer Mohlenhoff gave a report on the 2011 LMFT renewal, stating that 1,278 of the 1,328 LMFTs had renewed their license by December 31, 2010. 1,069 (84%) were renewed online. Three licensees chose to voluntarily let their license expire. 47 licensees will receive a 2nd notice to renew their license by January 31, 2011, or their LMFT license will expire.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Application Committee:

14 applicants were approved to sit for the state examination. Sara Wright brought to the Board's attention that Jennifer Mohlenhoff provided helpful clarifying notes on problematic applications. The Board expressed appreciation.

Herb Grant stated that Denny Morrow has agreed to serve on the Applications Committee and to serve as the Board's representative on the HPSP Program Committee.

Personnel Committee:

There was not a report from the Personnel Committee.

Complaint Committee:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff reported that the Complaint Committee did not meet and that one new complaint has been received in the last two months.

Continuing Education Committee:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff reported that the Continuing Education Committee met electronically throughout the month and met prior to the Board's meeting today. Specific CE applications were discussed to determine whether they qualified for approval under the Board's CE standards.

VII. VARIANCE REVIEW

Members reviewed and held discussion regarding a variance to waive the requirement that an applicant must pass the national examination for MFTs. The Board discussed that additional options regarding accommodations for taking the exam existed that the applicant could request. John Seymour made a motion to deny the request. It was seconded. The motion passed.

VIII. SUPERVISOR TRAINING

Jennifer Mohlenhoff and members discussed options of how to structure future supervisor trainings. Members agreed to establish training dates in 2011 for supervisors who have not attended the Board-provided training and to pursue the possibility of webinar trainings for supervisors outside the metro area.

X. RULE REVISION (With Nathan Hart)

Nathan Hart was not able to attend the Board meeting. Members reviewed and made edits to the rules. The February Board meeting will focus on continuing the rule revision.

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

XI. OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herb Grant adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. on a motion by John Seymour and seconded by Manijeh Daneshpour.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on February 18, 2011.

Sara Wright, Secretary